

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 662 without my signature.

This bill's intention to create another advisory task force within California Department of Education (CDE) is unnecessary. The California Blindness Advisory Task Force that was established by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction years ago, issued a report in 2002, "A Future View: Quality Education for all Students Who Are Blind and Visually Impaired." To date, none of the recommendations made by that task force have been implemented by the CDE.

While I believe in addressing the special needs of blind and visually impaired students in California, the inability of the CDE to act upon a prior task force's recommendations does not warrant the creation of yet another task force within the department to address the same needs.

For these reasons I am unable to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger